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## Education

**2013 - Doctorate in Education (EdD) (Specialized in TESOL)**

The British University in Dubai, Dubai, UAE

**2006 - T.E.S.O.L Certificate**

James Woods Consultants, Dubai, UAE

**2005 - Master of Arts: English Literature with a Certificate in Composition**

The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, USA

**2002 - Bachelor of Arts: English (cum laude)**

The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, USA

**Teaching Certificate to teach private school**

Validity – Permanent, Ohio, USA

## Work Experience

**E.L.C Foundation Program Coordinator, Sharjah University, Sep 2013- present**

Responsibilities include

- Coordinating the Foundation Program consisting of 25 hours per week of English skills classes
- Creating syllabus for Writing, Reading, Listening, Speaking and IELTS preparation courses
- Writing Midterms and Finals for Foundation program
- Choosing books for the Program

**Instructor, Sharjah University, September 2007- present**

- Writing instructor for levels 1, 2, 3 and 4
- Writing instructor for Special Skills Courses
- Reading instructor for levels 1,2, and 3
- Listening and Speaking instructor for levels 1,2,3
- IELTS instructor for Levels 1 and 2
- Generated lesson plans
- Helped skills' coordinators write exams
- Graded writing papers for all levels and special skills
- Trained students in all the components of the IELTS exam

**Part Time Instructor, American University of Sharjah (ELC), Jan 2006- 2007**

- Instructed up to two classes of Conversational English
- Worked with non-English speaking students
- Worked independently

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**Part Time Instructor, Emirates Banking Institute, Sharjah Dec 2005-2007**

- Instructed up to three courses of Business memo writing
- Instructed up to two courses of Business English

**Instructor, The University of Akron, Akron, OH, 2003-2005**

- Instructed up to three classes of English Composition I each semester
- Generated lesson plans
- Graded papers for 60-75 students
- Conducted student-teacher conferences
- Worked independently

**Research/ Publications/Conferences**

- First place winner of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) award for best thesis: *A Comparative Analysis of Proficiency Scores of University Students in the United Arab Emirates: The Effectiveness of Using a First Language to Teach a Second language in a Reading class* “ in the Arab World 2016
- Traish, Amira. (2015) “An Analysis of Proficiency Scores Addressing L1/L2 Use in a United Arab Emirates Reading Class”. *International Journal of Language and Linguistics*. Vol 2 no 5. Dec 2015
- Recipient of research grant supported by the British Council English Language Teaching Award (2014). The research project is entitled: A comparative study of English language teacher recruitment, education and retention in Latin America and the Middle East.
- Gonzalez, T., Basurto Santos, N, Howard, A, Traish, A and McMurray, M. (2015) Overcoming isolation as ESL professors and the challenges of doing research collaboratively across continents. In Haworth, P. and Craig, C. (Eds) *Career Trajectories of English Language Teachers*.
- Presented in TESOL Arabia (2015) topic: Research Projects: Challenges and changes. Held in Dubai on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Member of the Sharjah Colloquium organizing committee (2009-2015) at the University of Sharjah
- Presented in the Sharjah Community College on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 topic: *IELTS Test Preparation Using Public Materials* conference held in the
- Presented in BUID on October 2<sup>nd</sup> (2013) topic : *A Comparative Analysis of Proficiency Scores of University Students in the United Arab Emirates: The Effectiveness of Using a First Language to Teach a Second language in a Reading class* “

**Committee Work**

- **Member - Professional Development Committee**  
Organized several PD Days, PD sessions and 3 conferences. Liaised with Sharjah Education Zone to provide PD training to high school teachers. Led several training sessions in IELTS Writing, Reading and Listening in the Teacher Support Program for Sharjah Education Zone English teachers.
- **Member - Student Activities Committee**  
Organized activities for ELC students, including graduation ceremonies, educational field trips and National Day activities.
- **Member – Community Services Committee**

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Organized several community service courses. Contributed to the syllabus of several community courses.

- **IELTS Clerical Marker**- certified marker for the Reading and Listening components of exam.

## References

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